



Palm Sunday  
April 5, 2020

PRELUDE

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

arr. K. Kosche

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Let us go with Christ in faith and love, so that,  
united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

OPENING HYMN #278

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Sovereign God,  
by your Spirit,  
show us the path of obedient love,  
and keep us in the joyful procession  
of all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him*  
from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel  
Kate Roberts, soloist

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden,  
and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,  
for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Contemporary English Version

Leader: Tell the Lord how thankful you are,  
because God is kind and always merciful.  
Let Israel shout,

**People: “God is always merciful!”**

Leader: Open the gates of justice!  
I will enter and tell the Lord how thankful I am.

**People: Here is the gate of the Lord!**  
**Everyone who does right may enter this gate.**

Leader: I praise the Lord for answering my prayer and saving me.  
The stone that the builders tossed aside  
has now become the most important stone.

**People: God has done this, and it is amazing to us.**

Leader: This day belongs to the Lord!  
Let’s celebrate and be glad today.

**People: We’ll ask the Lord to save us!**  
**We’ll sincerely ask the Lord to let us win.**

Leader: God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We praise you from here in the house of the Lord.

**People: The Lord is our God who has given us light!**

Leader: Start the celebration!  
March with palm branches all the way to the altar.

**People: The Lord is my God! I will praise God**  
**and tell how thankful I am.**

Leader: Tell the Lord how thankful you are,  
because God is kind and always merciful.

***Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.***

***Refrain:***

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

***Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
(Refrain)***

***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
(Refrain)***

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city  
and the crowds cried, "Hosanna!"—Lord, save us!  
Let us confess our sin before God who is faithful to save us.

**People: Almighty God, we confess that  
we greeted him with shouts of joy,  
but complained behind his back;  
we waved branches of loyalty,  
but denied him in the courtyard;  
we prayed for peace,  
but wielded a sword in the garden.  
Forgive our sins and free us from evil,  
through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader: The promise is secure:  
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day  
our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (PLEASE STAND)

***Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

\*GOSPEL LESSON (PLEASE STAND)

Matthew 21:1–11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Jesus Leads the Way!*

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

HYMN OF DEDICATION #580

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

***Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.***

***Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

arr. D. Janzer

**This week's worship leaders:**

Darren Cushman Wood

*Senior Pastor*

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

*Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

Heather Hinton

*Organist*

John Hague

*Videographer*

Kate Roberts

*Soloist*

**Upcoming Worship Services  
via Livestream:**

April 9: Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.

April 10: Good Friday, "Seven  
Words from the Cross," 7:30 p.m.

April 12: Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.